Brahmaputra Board has taken up the construction on Pagladiya Dam Project at Thalkuchi (a Bodoland area) in Baksa district of Assam for flood control, irrigation and power generation.

In addition to above, the Brahmaputra Board has also taken up the execution of the scheme namely Protection of Nagrijuli, Rangia town and Mukalmua-Borbhag area from flood and erosion of river Bornadi/Puthimari within Bodoland areas. The scheme on completion would protect Rangia, Mukalmua and Borbhag area from flood and Nagrijuli from erosion.

Surplus water for irrigation and drinking

2013. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few States have agreed to link their rivers in an attempt to harvest surplus water for irrigation and drinking purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the feasibility reports have been prepared in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the above inter-linking of rivers involve displacement of inhabitants; and

(f) if so, the details thereby and the manner in which these displaced inhabitants will be resettled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resouces (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980. The NPP comprises of two components *viz.* (i) Peninsular Rivers Development and (ii) Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages construction of storages on various river systems along with inter-linking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up in 1982 to study the feasibility of Interbasin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. The Inter-linking proposals under NPP envisages additional benefits of 25 million ha. of irrigaiton from surface waters, 10 million ha. by increased use of ground waters and generation of 34 thousand M W of power apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigaiton, water supply, salinity & pollution control etc.

Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component & 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular Component.

(e) The storages/structures contemplated in various proposals of inter-linking of rivers involve displacement of inhabitants.

(f) At present no inter-linking project under NPP is under implementation. Therefore, the

Government would consider the resettlement issue at an appropriate time as per its policy/ guidelines in this regard.

Central assistance under AIBP for Gujarat

2014 SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much Central assistance under Accelerated Irrigaiton Benefit Programme (AIBP) is claimed by the State Government of Gujarat in the years, 2006-07 and 2007-08; and

(b) out of these, how much central assistance under AIBP is allotted to the Government of Gujarat in the years 2006-07 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Central assistance claimed by the Government of Gujarat under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 2006-07 and 2007-08 were Rs. 315.90 crore and Rs. 1270.28 crore respectively.

(b) Central assistance released under AIBP during 2006-07 was Rs. 121.8885 crore and during 2007-08 so far as Rs. 350 crore.

Sea erosions at Kerala coast

2015. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pelased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that coastal belt of Kerala is severely affected by sea erosions every year causing considerable loss of land and property;

(b) whether proposals for works related to coastal protection have been received from the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d)Yes Sir. A proposal of "Constructing sea wall in district Thrissur" at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 00 crore was received from the State Government of Kerala. During X Plan, first instalment of central share amounting to Rs. 50 lakhs was released to the Government of Kerala in March, 2004. The State Government has been requested to send the requisite information for release of 2nd instalment of Rs. 1.75 crore.

Besides the above the 12th Finance Commission has also awarded an amount of Rs. 175 crore to the State of Kerala for anti-sea erosion works (for the period of 2006—2010) to undertake constructions of sea walls and groynes in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Manjeri, Kozhikode, Thalessery and Kasaragode Divisions.